**TERM 1 WEEK 5 INQUIRY HOMEWORK – CANBERRA CAMP**

The following questions relate to our Canberra camp, and the information we received at three attractions we visited in Canberra – Parliament House, the Electoral Commission and Government House.

You must correctly resource all of your sources of information, using the guide below (and your knowledge of our referencing work completed in class). You may know the answers to many of these questions:

Surname and First Name for the author; *Title of the book (Italics),* Name of the Publisher, Place of Publication (this edition), Year of publication

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Hughes, James; *A Guide to the Australian Government System,* MacMillan Publishers, Melbourne, Victoria, 2009

Website Address; *Title of the website (Italics),* The date you accessed the website

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<http://www.gg.gov.au>; *Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia,* 3/03/11

**THE SENATE:**

1. How many ‘Houses’ are there in the Australian Federal Parliament? Name them.
2. Explain the role of the Senate in our Australian Government system.
3. How many sections are there within the Senate, and how many people represent each of these sections?
4. What are you called if you are a Politician in the Senate?
5. Who are our local representatives in the Senate? Find a map of our Senate Chamber, and highlight them.

**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

1. How is the House of Representatives different from The Senate and what powers does the House of Representatives have that the Senate doesn’t?
2. Who are some of the more important and influential Politicians who are sitting members in the House of Representatives? Hint: Think about the more famous and well known politicians.
3. Explain what a ‘Hung Parliament’ is and when we last experienced this in Australian Government?
4. Who are the members for the following seats, which party do they represent and what are the suburbs and towns that are in their electorate? Which ones are of particular significance? Hint: We met one on Thursday.

* Kooyong, Higgins, Lalor, Griffith, Bennelong

**AUSTRALIA ELECTORAL COMMISSION:**

1. What is the Commonwealth Electoral Roll and how do you become eligible for enrollment?
2. In what year were Aboriginal people given the right to enrol and vote at federal elections?
3. Every person who is on the Electoral Roll can have their information viewed as public information. True?
4. What is a By-election? Is this used in the House of Representatives or the Senate?
5. What percentage of votes are required for a Candidate to win the seat they are standing for? This is called an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Majority.

**THE GOVERNOR GENERAL:**

1. Who is our current Governor General, how long has she been our Governor General and how long is the term in which she will serve?
2. What is the role of the Governor General and by whom is she elected by? Hint: Her role includes the three C’s.
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4. Cer\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Com\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Where are the Governor General’s two houses of residence and what are they called? Hint: We saw one on Thursday morning.
7. Name some of the events and activities which take place at Government House in Canberra? Hint: The Governor General’s Aide-de-Camp who chatted to us on Thursday discussed these events with us.